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Letter dated 5 October 2005 from the Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference addressed to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee

In my capacity as Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Group, I have the honour to convey the views of the members of the Group on the report of the coordinator on the results of the informal consultations regarding the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism, held from 25 to 29 July 2005.

The OIC Group is concerned at the above-mentioned report, which was expected to be only a factual summary of the proceedings of the informal consultations. However, an attempt was made to produce a "consolidated text", in which not only was the proposal by the OIC Group on article 18 omitted, but the articles of the draft convention were renumbered, besides certain technical changes being made.

The Group believes that such a text raises serious issues of mandate and prejudices the negotiation process and the efforts for the early conclusion of the draft convention. The Group also believes that, in order to facilitate the negotiations and the work of the Committee, negotiations on the draft convention should be based on the reports of the Working Group and of the Ad Hoc Committee, particularly the report of the Ad Hoc Committee contained in document A/57/37 and Corr.1.

In view of the importance attached by the leaders of the world to this issue in the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the OIC Group believes that the forthcoming meetings and negotiations of the Working Group should be conducted in a formal setting by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee. We expect that the next report of the Working Group will consolidate all the proposals on the table, including those submitted by the OIC Group.

It would be appreciated if the present letter were circulated as a document of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly under agenda item 108.

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